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HEADMASTER'S LETTER

The good news is that many of you already know me. For the past two years and during my earlier stint here in the Nineties, I've made an effort to get to know as many alumni and parents as possible. This year alone, for instance, I had the opportunity to attend alumni events in Mexico, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Kingston, Halifax and here at home. This was part of my job as Stanstead's Director of Advancement and one of its greatest pleasures.

As I shift into the headmaster's chair, I feel that I have a certain level of understanding about Stanstead College and its rhythms, its strengths and its needs. This familiarity reinforces my belief in the four pillars of the school: academics, athletics, the arts and a disciplined structure for students. These are Stanstead traditions, and they are traditions for a reason: because they work. It's my goal as Headmaster to keep these traditions alive, even in a complex, often daunting world.

The other good news is that Stanstead College is in solid shape thanks to the strong leadership of Headmaster Christopher Shannon, who after six years has become Headmaster at Lower Canada College in Montreal. Chris has made an impressive impact on the school and the local community, and we wish him and his family all the best.

There's more good news. As Headmaster, I'll have the privilege of working with a dynamic management team that has over 40 years of combined experience at Stanstead College alone: Christian Wells, Director of Programs; Louise Retchless, Director of Academics and University Guidance; Erik Van Dyke, Director of Student Services; André Simard, Director of Athletics; Joanne Carruthers, Director of Admissions and Jacques Hébert, Business Manager.

So what's the bad news? I don't think there is any, only a challenge. I become Headmaster at a time when traditional funding sources for independent schools like Stanstead College are spread thinner than ever. The challenge will be to keep this school on sound financial footing so that we can continue building on those four pillars.

I'm excited by this challenge, just as I'm excited that as Headmaster I will continue to be able to stay in touch with many of you. In fact, I'm relying on your support as alumni, parents and friends of the school to help us face the future and make Stanstead College a school we can continue to be proud of.

I hope that you will enjoy this latest edition of the Red & White. I also look forward to welcoming all of you to a special Homecoming celebration for our alumni from the 1960s and 1970s during the weekend of Friday September 23 to Sunday September 25.

Thank you.



Michael Wolfe



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Stanstead College is to provide boys and girls with an education of superior quality in preparation for college and university in North America.

Central to this mission is our commitment to provide a highly structured and supportive environment where students can develop independence and self-reliance through hard work, self-discipline, personal responsibility and sound moral values.

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OUR BOARD



After more than 20 years on the Stanstead College Board of Directors, Geoffrey Wagner is looking forward to becoming a regular alumnus again.

“In a way, I’m going to enjoy just participating, after having helped organize so many events over the years,” he says.

President of the Council of Trustees from 2002-2004, Wagner (Class of ’71) retired in June 2004. His 22 years on the board saw considerable change.

“There was a total change in generations in that time,” he says. “When I came on the board, many of the teachers who taught me were still there. Now there’s been a complete changing of the guard.”

Other changes included finding a replacement for longtime headmaster Barry Gallant in 1999 when Christopher Shannon took over the reins. During Wagner’s tenure, the school also became more technologically advanced, launched a capital campaign and placed greater emphasis on fundraising, constructed Webster House, replaced the student centre following 2001’s fire, revamped and promoted its hockey programme and became a highly international school.

“In my day, most of the kids were from Montreal. If you came from far away, it was the Maritimes,” Wagner says.

As a student, Wagner came to Stanstead College from Westmount High to complete his Grade 12. He had been accepted to the University of New Brunswick but not in residence. His parents felt he was too young to go off and live on his own.

“My parents knew and liked the headmaster at the time, Raymond Lester. So they decided to ‘park’ me, so to speak, for a year,” recalls Wagner.

Wagner never did attend UNB but went on to attend Brock University. That one year at Stanstead, however, stuck with him. After getting involved with alumni hockey, he was encouraged to become more active in other alumni affairs, eventually becoming president of the Alumni Association from 1982 to 1983.

“Obviously I had fond memories of the school. Getting involved with alumni rekindled a lot of old friendships and created new ones. That was special to me,” he says.

Wagner joined the Board in 1983. Over the years he has chaired the Recruitment and Advancement Committees, as well as the Executive Committee. He was a member of the Headmaster Search Committee in 1998-99. More recently, he was also on the Nominating/Governance Committee and the Executive Committee.

All this was while Wagner was developing his own career and family. Currently, he manages the Canadian branch of Norseland Inc. in Montreal, which is a U.S.-based subsidiary of TINE Norwegian Dairies of Oslo, Norway. In Canada, Norseland acts as a marketing and sales representative for TINE as well as Kaserei Champignon of Germany. He also recently served as treasurer of the Cheese Council of Canada.

This busy career is all the more reason for Stanstead College to appreciate the time and energy Wagner has shown the school over the years. Last February, he was honoured for his years of service at the annual Trustee-Faculty Dinner in Montreal.

“I have some really positive memories of my years on the board,” he says. “I’ve made some lifelong friends.”

it happened in 1971

"Computer on a chip" (Microprocessor) is introduced by Intel...Charles Manson and his cult members are sentenced to death...*All in the Family* is the #1 television show...*Joy to the World* by Three Dog Night is #1 on Billboard Top Ten...*Billy Jack* grosses \$98 million at the box office...median household income is \$9,028...and new words include hot pants, gross out, demo, right on, workaholic, think tank.

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September 23-25, 2005



Top: Chris Muir, Joey Pape, Christian Wells, **4th row:** local workers, **3rd row:** Eryn Hessian, Maria Patriciu, Kim McNamara, Hilda Lui, Cassandra Danyluk, Leah Shannon, Ximena Casares '03, Stephanie Guyette, **2nd row:** Tania Portelli, Min Kyong Jee, Jamie Smith, Ashley Wilson, Sharon Chung, **Front and centre:** Ximena Calderone '02

Habitat for Humanity in Mexico

Jamie Smith - Grade 11

Over March break I had the amazing experience of traveling to Chiapas, Mexico. I took part in a 17-day adventure with a group of students and faculty from Stanstead College. Through an arrangement with Habitat for Humanity (HFH) we were able to spend several days building homes for underprivileged families in the community of El Progreso, while becoming immersed in Mexican culture and having a great time.

Coming from a privileged American family and having all the benefits of a well-rounded Canadian preparatory education, I never would have imagined that I would learn so much in a remote, impoverished area of a Third World nation. I'd done my research,

knew many of the textbook facts and figures, and thought I knew what I was getting into; I was wrong. You cannot expect to understand what life is like in another culture until you actually experience it.

I knew when I signed up for this trip that we would be working to construct a cinder-block house for a family involved with HFH. I assumed we would be laying bricks and building walls. What I didn't grasp was how much physical labor was actually involved. The other and more vital part of the picture I hadn't envisioned was how our work in the community was one of the most gratifying experiences of my life. This was the first time in my life that I actually felt I was making a difference.

Over the course of long hours of digging into the earth and carrying cinder blocks I developed a strong attachment to the home I was doing my small part to build. It was hard work and I was often tired, but the humor and patience of our *maestro* (building supervisor) and Rolamo, the man whose home we were building, made the effort fun and rewarding. We spent many hours working, but the time was filled with laughter.

The people of the community were so welcoming; they invited us into their lives and frequently into their homes as well. Although the language barrier presented some difficulty, the people of El Progreso were always eager to interact with us and share whatever they had. I've never truly understood the concept of a community before, but after seeing how all the people in this town supported one another and joyfully interacted with family and neighbors alike, I learned. Our short time with the people of El Progreso created bonds that still continue in my heart and that I am certain still linger in the community in spite of our departure.

In the end we pieced together more of our own understanding than we did bricks and mortar, and built more memories than walls. My experience in Chiapas is one that I will never forget as long as I live. Seventeen days away from the comfort and familiarity of home made me reflect on just how privileged and sheltered my 17 years of life have been. There is more to learn through real life than through second-hand reference. Although I went to Mexico with the good intentions of helping others and making the world a better place, I believe that the true benefit was my own and for this I will always be grateful.



Leah Shannon sifts rocks from powder before mixing the cement.



Chris Muir shares his guitar during a break.



Preparing to carry the cement.

OUR ALUMNI

Charles Cavell '61 Speaks to Graduates at Baccalaureate



With sly humour, Stanstead College alumnus and retired president and CEO of Quebecor World, Charles Cavell urged the graduating Class of 2005 to do what they love, make money doing it, give as much back to society as possible and to live every day to the fullest.

"Don't waste a single day because, by God, there's fun to be had out there," he said at the Baccalaureate Service and Prize Giving held at Centenary United Church June 23.

Besides his professional career transforming Quebecor into the world's largest commercial printer, Mr. Cavell has devoted himself to various corporate, educational and charitable institutions. He is currently vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of Concordia University and has been honoured by the Order of St. John and the Canadian Cancer Society for his charitable work.

Mr. Cavell (Class of '61) was head prefect in his senior year at Stanstead and, as noted in the introduction given by Chairman of the Board of Directors Joseph Levy, was heavily involved in clubs and athletics during his time at the school. But as Mr. Cavell pointed out, he did not "go" to Stanstead; he was sent.

"I was institutionalized. And thank God I was," said Mr. Cavell, who acknowledged that he has been "surprisingly successful in life," in part due to Stanstead. "I went from being a bad boy to head boy."

The school, he said, taught him to stay within the guardrails of life. It's a grey area on that road but that's where you can bend the rules, even negotiate new rules, he said

Among those rules, he said, are the proverbs and aphorisms his mother used to tell him. We may take them for granted but they have great truth in them, whether for business or for life. Among these is, "In life, you get what you pay for," Mr. Cavell adding to great laughs that he was not being paid to speak today.

In a more serious vein, Mr. Cavell advocated the virtues of hard work and capitalism, if only as a means of being able to give something back and - as he stressed many times - have fun. But he cautioned the grads to do what they loved.

"A person who works at a job he doesn't love is an unbelievable tragedy," he said. "Try to discover what you enjoy. When you have it figured out, try to find a way to earn a living doing it."

Mr. Cavell encouraged the grads to use their youth, their time and their resources to make the world a better place.

At the close of Mr. Cavell's speech, Headmaster Christopher Shannon presented him with a Stanstead College sweatshirt and a photograph from 1961 of Mr. Cavell and his fellow prefects.



Cavell presented Grade 12 student Kim McNamara with several awards, including the Pitcher Memorial Prize, the school's highest award, which is awarded to a senior student with the most positive influence.

it happened in **1961**

Kennedy wins presidency, Democrats sweep Congress...Two white public schools in New Orleans are the first to integrate...Harper Lee wins a Pulitzer Prize for *To Kill a Mockingbird*...New words include anchorman, sit-in, cosmonaut, bluegrass, laser, compact car...*Psycho* is the top money-maker at the box office bringing in \$32,000,000...AND *Gunsmoke* is the #1 television series.

Homecoming 2005
60s & 70s

COMMUNITY SERVICE



For students at Stanstead College, Thursday means no sports practices, but instead clubs. For me, this means going to Newport City Elementary School in Newport, Vermont to visit with and be a mentor to the kids who are in the after-school programme there.

We were given the option of whether we wanted to work with one specific child each time or a group. I

Newport City Elementary School. Every Thursday Stanstead students head down to Newport to mentor these children in the after-school programme.

decided to spend my time with one, a 9-year-old girl in Grade 4 named Thalia. Every time I walk into the classroom, Thalia is always happy to see me, which in itself makes me feel like I'm needed and appreciated – a gift that I consider myself lucky to receive.

I know I will never forget my experience with this club. Just by looking at these kids and knowing the opportunities that we have that some of them don't makes me realize how fortunate I am in life. It's an added bonus of being a student at Stanstead College. Very few people ever get the chance to do something like this in their lifetime, and for that I am extremely grateful.

Sarah Miller - Grade 12

Every Thursday, while some people are watching movies or cooking, some of us are outside walking dogs at the Frontier Animal Society shelter. Sometimes the weather is not the best, but no matter what, we are still there... even in the rain and snow.

Some dogs like Lucky walk with us every week and have become close companions. Each week we have at least one dog that we haven't seen before and we get to know all of them. Each dog has an individual personality.

Being with the dogs has been a great experience for us. It is wonderful to be outside and the dogs really enjoy going for a walk.

By going to the shelter, we see how many cats and dogs need homes and we are able to recommend certain animals to friends.

When you see how excited the dogs get when we arrive, you can understand how important it is that we go. It has been a lot of fun and we hope to continue.

Animal Shelter Volunteers



Walking the dogs, helping elementary school children with their computers or visiting the elderly - Stanstead's Community Service Programme lends its hand to many local organisations, including three elementary schools, a daycare, a home for the elderly, the animal shelter, the Rotary Club bookstore as well as school services such as archives, Spectrum, and the Website.



What do these three 1970s grads have in common?
See page 14.

CLASS NOTES

1947



Harry Walker of Delray, **Hugh Cummings** of Fort Lauderdale and **Bill Layton** of Jupiter had their own special 1947 Florida reunion this past winter. Harry and Hugh hadn't seen one another since 1947.

1960

Carl Zimmerman (below with Headmaster Chris Shannon) retired from Molson's Brewery on January 1, 2000. Since then he has been enjoying life in Caledon, Ontario. He has taken Spanish courses and studied fine art. He has learned how to cane and refinish chairs and enjoys looking for antiques and collectables on Saturdays. As well as remodeling and repainting his home, Carl likes to ride his bike, while his wife Louise runs. He is also an avid golfer. Carl admits that "it seems that there is not enough time to do all I would like to do." By chance, the Stanstead connection was made with Carl on a beach in Cuba in March 2005.



1960

Joshua Evan Ray was born on June 2, 2005 to Adam Ray and Sarah Levy-Ray. Proud grandfathers are **Michael Ray '60** and **Joseph Levy '69**. Great nephew to **Victor Levy '67** and **Robert Ray '68**. Nephew to **Jeremy Levy '96**.

1963



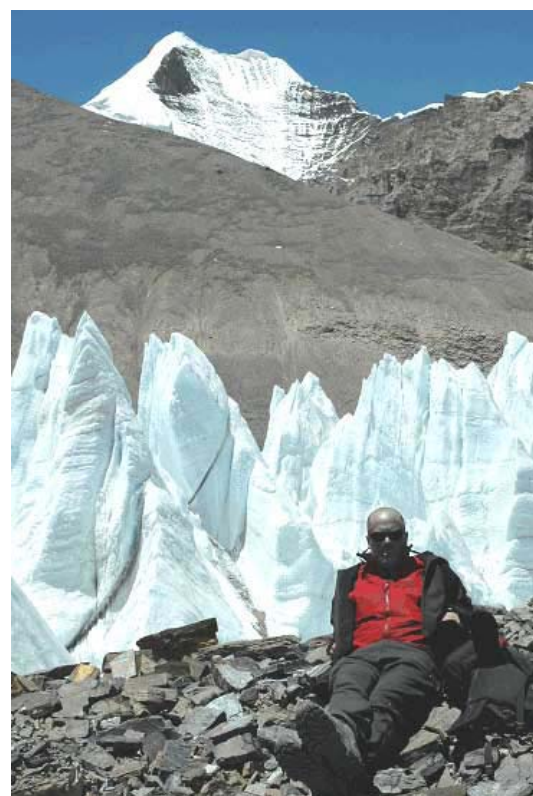
After many years in the IT world, **Doug Robinson** retired and opened a stained glass shop in Maine. He continues to restore the 1910 bank building in which he lives. For fun, Doug is a dive tender for a captain on Pnobsco Bay where they harvest scallops in the winter and contract for various projects in the summer.

1971

William Robinson (above right) cools off in Tibet on the East Rongbuk Glacier enroute up the north side of Mt. Everest. Bill climbed to the North Col of Everest while on vacation this May.

1976

Stanstead alumnus signs book deal with St. Martin's Press in New York. **Charles Hodgson** has been collecting words and stories about words for years, in particular words about the human body. For instance why is the elbow called the elbow? What's the name of that bump that almost covers your ear hole? How did "cold feet" ever come to mean "second



thoughts"? Now he has assembled the answers into a book called *Carnal Knowledge: A Playful Dictionary of Human Parts and Trivia* due for publication next year. Charles has also begun an "almost daily" podcast talking about words and their histories. It's called "podictionary" and can be seen and heard at <http://www.podictionary.com>

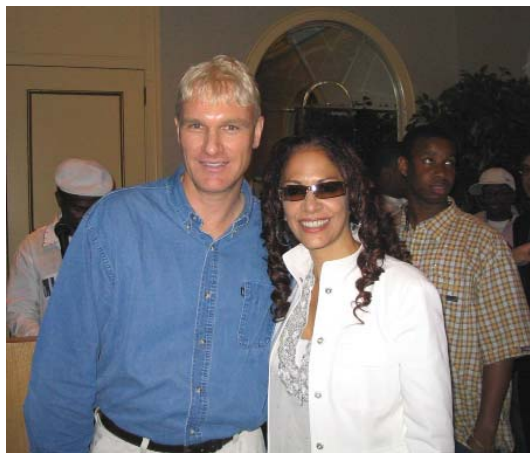
1980

Mitchell Kotansky graduated university as an engineer and worked for a few years in project management in real estate construction.



Fifteen years ago Mitch stopped practising as an engineer and began his career as a sculptor never looking back. He writes, "The kind of sculpture I create is mainly figurative with some works that are more expressive or textural, but always dealing with the figure." Mitch now works exclusively from his studio on his own works as well as commissions. He also gives private lessons to students.

1981



In 2004, **Jeff Michael Knowles** was the MC of the 12th Annual Montreal Drumfest, now one of the three biggest drum festivals in the world (www.montrealdrumfest.com). Pictured above with world renowned percussionist Sheila E, Jeff will continue to MC this event annually. A drummer since he was a child, after many years of DJ/animating weddings and corporate events for established companies, as well as playing drums over the years in a wedding orchestra and various club bands, in 2001 Jeff started DJ Jazzy Jeff Entertainment. "It was just a sideline that evolved into a

business. We supply DJ-animators, strolling musicians and orchestra/bands for weddings, corporate events or any other special occasion." Jeff is also a licensed commercial pilot and works weekdays with a company based out of Dorval Airport.

1982

Leslie (Taylor) Dion has made a career change - she has gone from being a supervisor in a French daycare to becoming a proprietor of retail scrapbooking business which just opened July 4.

1988

Akua Akyea was recently appointed the Assistant Director for the Center for Public Interest Law at Columbia Law School. Akua has been with Columbia for three and a half years and works with students interested specifically in international human rights and public interest opportunities.

Marie-France Blanchet is the Development Director of Air Sherbrooke.

1989



Rebecca Lewis-Russell and husband Ian are thrilled to announce the births of their twin daughters, Molly and Zoe, on February 1, 2005. All are doing well and looking forward to moving into their new house this summer.

1990

Scherri (Kharusi) Olivella and husband Mark welcomed their second son, Hilton, in January 2005. Brother Holden, Mom and Dad live in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

1992

Amanda Emslie will be getting married this September in Stowe, Vt. and current-

Sarah Elliot '02

Because experiencing Africa has always been a personal goal, when the opportunity arose for an exchange from King's College University to Dakar, Senegal I seized the moment. It's all about moving beyond your comfort zone and I was going to be

faced with a number of challenges: adapting to an African lifestyle, living with a Senegalese family, studying and speaking French.

Dakar is intense and in your face from the moment you wake up to the moment you go to sleep. I have made a life for myself here. I love my trip to school. Daily, I fight for a spot in a clindostine (local taxi). I am the only white person waiting and every morning at the same time a car passes me full of profs; they wave or point. There is so much action in the streets of Dakar at eight in the morning.

School is going well. I really like my professors and I particularly enjoy my African Civilization course. I am learning the local language, Woluf Woluf, which pleases the Senegalese. I traveled to Timbuktu, Mali for the Touraq Music Festival held in the Sahara Desert, an adventure I shall long remember. I have visited The Gambia and slept in a hut in a local village not far from town.

West Africa is so neat. There is a camel hanging out in our quartier, which I find hilarious.

I know that I made the right decision to travel. I really needed this right now in my life. It's been a great time to travel simply because I have learned so much and I learn more every day. Of course, the highlight of this adventure was my parents' visit in March. We traveled from Dakar to The Gambia and into Cassamance (Southern Senegal). It was an amazing experience for all of us.



ly resides in North Carolina with fiancé Jim. Still in television, Amanda is a producer in charge of promoting newscasts.

1994



After leaving Stanstead, **Tania Quinzanos** (above) lived in Switzerland for three years while pursuing her interests in hotel management. She returned to Mexico City where she began working at the JW Marriott Hotel. She is currently the Manager of Guest Relations. Tania was recently married to Fernando Aguilera in April.

1995

Meredith Stenger is married to Matt Grasso, operations manager at a couple of radio stations in Burlington, Vt. WBTZ The Buzz, and 106.7 WIZN. Twin daughters Anna (right) and Emma (left) Grasso were born on Sept. 27, 2004. They currently live in Milton Vt. just north of Burlington.



1996

Stefan Bolduc was married on July 24,



Petrykanyn and **Brad Goodsell** who did double duty as friend and band leader. Stefan is now an account manager for Hilti Canada, supplier of industrial tools.

1997



Miranda Lightstone (above left) has just completed her studies at Concordia University. She recently received her B.A. in Journalism. Miranda's mom **Catherine Lightstone** (former faculty) is currently teaching English and Drama at Beaconsfield High School.



Nathalie Rheault has been working for almost two years now as a programme

2004. He and wife Breanna live in St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia. The wedding included a strong SC presence - guests included **Zeeshan Hussain** (Best Man), **James Chi**, **Angelica O'Sullivan**, **Colin**

planner at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Qc. She has also had a hand at opening the new Canadian War Museum. She writes, "Its been a wonderful experience, with lots to learn everyday, wonderful exhibits to work on and meeting interesting people from all over."

1998



Bassist **Brad Goodsell** (above, second from left) has been keeping busy with fellow In Flight Safety band members. *Vacation Land*, the band's first recording, was officially released in June 2004. According to the band's official press release, "The five songs are a glorious embryonic snapshot of a band flexing its wings." In Flight Safety has been nominated for two MIANS (Music Industry of Nova Scotia) Awards for Best New Band and Best Alternative Band.

2000

After graduating from Queens in Spring 2004, **Genevieve Laquerre** traveled through South America for six months and spent three months on a volunteer project working with disabled children.

T a w e e s a k (P e e y a i) W a r a w o n g recently graduated from Mount Allison University with a Bachelor of Commerce. This summer he plans to spend a few months in Thailand.



2001



Lindi Campbell & Marie Pier Germain (above with Erik Van Dyke) recently graduated from Queen's University after studying Mechanical Engineering. Current faculty member, Erik Van Dyke, presented them with their iron rings in March. Lindi's interests are in the field of biomechanics, and she plans to continue on to graduate school. Marie Pier is interested in technical entrepreneurship and also plans to continue on to a higher degree.

Erica Stuart recently received a double degree from the University of Waterloo: BSc in Biology and BA in Psychology. Erica is currently working on her Master's degree in Cognitive Neuroscience.

2002



Kara Campbell (above right) recently spent the spring term at Queen's Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex, U.K., which is one of the oldest brick

buildings still standing in England. She will be entering her fourth year at Queen's this fall pursuing a degree in Concurrent Education. Her focus is on elementary education and psychology. She plans to attend graduate school at McGill following her undergraduate degree at Queen's.

Dominic Besner is currently in his third year of Electrical Engineering in the University of Ottawa's Co-op programme.



2004

Ricardo Gallo is in England with his brother for 5 months and will travel with friends around Europe in November. In January 2006 he will head back to school to study International Business Administration.



Jonathan Lemieux '04 recently graduated from military college at College St-Jean and will be headed to RMC in engineering this fall.

Do you have any news you would like to share with the Stanstead community? Forward your news, photos and accomplishments to the Advancement Office and we may include them in our next issue.

Hong Kong



Alex Banh '88 organised the first Hong Kong alumni get-together. David Kwok '88, Roger Lee '83, Alex Banh '88, Derrick Fung '87, Wayne Leung '92, Alex Wong '90 along with Cecilia Chan '88, Eman Cheung '88, Maveda Lee '88, Candy Ng '92, Wendy Leung '92 and Amy Chu '89 reunited in April 2005 in Hong Kong.

OUR SCHOOL

Head Prefect - Kim McNamara

Over March break, my mother found herself on a beach in Cuba admiring a cluster of seashells when a man stopped and they began to talk. Moments later, they learned that they were connected to Stanstead College, where he had been a student in the sixties.

Though normally I would have been amazed by such a coincidence, I began to think about just how many connections must exist all over the world through this little private school in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

There must be thousands of former students around the globe for whom the mention of Stanstead College initiates a wave of memories and emotion. Stanstead is a place one never forgets.

Here is the Stanstead College I know: The old brick buildings stand proud in a fresh, inspiring, natural milieu. Flags flutter at the entrance drive, affectionately known as “the heart.” Tall trees hang over the strikingly green front lawns that welcome students enjoying the freedom of the spring sun. Just tonight, from the fifth floor of Colby, I gazed out at the sun setting over the blue mountains, a warm orange streaming into the hallway.

Further on campus lies the Spartan turf, marking decades of spirit, pride, dedication, and hard work. I imagine bygone Spartans giving their entire energy and effort for a moment of victory, for their team mates and their school. Today, when my rugby team invests heart and soul into a play, we can hear our rugby boys, arm in arm, chanting a powerful “Guide Me O” on the sidelines.

This gesture, to me, symbolizes what Stanstead College and its people are all about: community. Our community focuses on its members and their development, encouraging each individual to “dare to excel.” There have been countless instances at Stanstead when I have found myself pushed far beyond my comfort zone. Through these challenges, I have come to understand that it is only when you venture onto unfamiliar ground that you build character

and discover your true potential. Excellence is indeed something for which one must strive, and Stanstead College helps its students first desire it, then attain it.

Stanstead College is unique. It is small yet universally large. Through Stanstead, I have felt that the world is not so overwhelmingly vast after all. Conferences, exchanges, national tournaments, speakers, service projects, athletic trips, shared perspectives and cultures, and especially the presence of our international students, inspired the fitting theme of the past Red & White issue, “The World Meets Here.” My favourite place on campus is our dining hall because the school is united under a ceiling of flags. A collection of bright people from very different backgrounds find themselves in this one room, breaking bread together. When aware of this, I feel harmony and hope.

All in all, it makes one realize how utterly astounding the Stanstead experience really is. We are extremely fortunate to have been given opportunities for extraordinary personal growth and betterment.

On behalf of all those who have been lucky enough to attend Stanstead College, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed, or continues to contribute, in some way to the Stanstead experience. From myself personally, thank you to a wonderful crew of teachers who encouraged me as I grew up on this campus, to a headmaster who opened door after door for me, to coaches and club leaders who taught me meaningful life lessons, to the prefects who invested in the spirit of the school, to the fantastic smiling support staff, and to all those who have shaped Stanstead over the years to be what it is today. Lastly, thank you to my family and friends who bring meaning to my life.

I look forward to finding you on a beach one day, where we can share another great Stanstead moment!



On Thursdays after school Kim heads out to Newport Elementary to put smiles on these youngsters faces as part of her community service contribution.



A Glass of Elderberry Wine, Anyone?

Although not my first thought for this year's school play, *Arsenic and Old Lace* proved to be the right choice. If there is anything I have learned from working with teenagers it is that flexibility and a good sense of humour are key to a positive outcome. It wasn't until the students came forward in November to sign up for the school play that I knew the composition of the group I would be working with. Only then could I finally decide on the play, chemistry being another important consideration when working in theatre.

This year, Jeremy Stuart, a four-year veteran of Stanstead's Theatre Arts programme, stepped forward with a play he had had in mind for quite a while. Initially I was wary, not really wanting to tackle a play with old ladies, dead bodies, dotty brothers with crazy friends in tow, arsenic-laced elderberry wine, tea parties, a traditional box set, as well as numerous props. After toying with the idea of modernizing the time period, I decided to stay with the 1940s, in spite of the hats, gloves, tidy handbags, suits, and ties, much to Jeremy's relief as he is a bit of a throwback himself. We had to make some minor adjustments, however, and policemen became policewomen. Then onward we went, head-long into a very busy condensed rehearsal period.



Anyone who has ever worked on a theatrical production is well aware of the hustle and bustle of trying to get all the bits and bobs, costumes, set construction, painting and lighting together and in place for our first dress rehearsal. This year I was lucky enough to have the added bonus of Jean-Jacques Prevost's technical know-how, along with his wife, Erica, who inherited the job of costume/set designer. Erica's professional background in costume design and ability to navigate second-hand clothing stores in the area resulted in authentic 1940s costumes for the actors. Jeremy assumed his traditional role as stage manager along with his first-ever acting role.

So much of the success of any performance depends on the commitment of the actors themselves. This year's group of talented students worked hard at balancing the demands of the play along with their regular academic commitments: not an easy task. We all worked as a finely honed team, meeting for daily after-school rehearsals, collecting props, costumes, as well as, painting and constructing the set.

There is, however, nothing like the high of a successful opening night. The magic in theatre lies in the creative process: beginning with a bare, empty stage, a new script, students mumbling and bumbling through their lines, hardly heard or understood, and ending with actors who understand the process and have managed to create, through solid hard work, a successful, polished production. This is a memory that will be in the hearts and minds of these students for a lifetime. Hats off to all who were involved in this year's Theatre Arts production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*!

Barbara Elliot - Director

CAST: Alex Cerretani, Sam Copestake, Charla Farquarhson, Hope Hutchins, Brandon Lee, Jessika Mathurin, Phoebe Miller, David Osei, Joseph Pape, Jeremy Stuart, Melissa Vargas and Ashley Wilson

OUR ALUMNI

Passing the Torch

While most kids in his native Chambly, Quebec were dreading the approach of fall, Jonathan Cowen (Class of '72) was anxiously looking forward to school.

"I couldn't wait for September," he recalls. "The camaraderie and friendship of Stanstead – I was always so keen to get back here. I even came a day early. The advantage of that was you got to sneak around and get the good mattresses."

Today, the president and owner of A & D Prevost in Richelieu admits he wasn't the greatest of students.

Nonetheless,

Stanstead College provided him such a foundation for future success that he was convinced it was the right place for his son Jeff, just one of dozens of second- and third-generation students who have attended Stanstead College over the years.

"It's a great footing for independence and learning how to get along with people," says Cowen. "One of the major reasons we sent Jeff here is that in a small town, there's a limit to how many friends you can make. Coming here, there's a real cross-section of people."

Much has changed at the College since the late sixties but son Jeff agrees with his father concerning the school's cosmopolitan nature.

"Not everyone gets to have a roommate from Korea," says Jeff, who is just finishing Grade 8 and shares his father's flare for math.

Now a member of the Board of Trustees, Jonathan Cowen says he is happy with the decision to enroll Jeff here. In fact, with higher admission standards and closer individual attention, Stanstead College has even more to offer students than in his day, he says, including an advanced curriculum, school trips, and more clubs.

Albert Brandt (Class of '76) followed his two brothers to Stanstead after doing his initial secondary education at Alexander Galt Regional High School. Coming from a sprawling school of 4000 students, the intimacy of Stanstead College, with its values, discipline, high academic standards, even uniforms, was "right up



Albert Brandt '76 with son Philip (Class of 2008)

my alley," says Brandt who still lives in his native Magog and is one of the region's top real estate agents.

"I have nothing but great memories of the school," he says.

Brandt's son Philip, finishing Grade 9, doesn't share his father's fondness for uniforms but has likewise fit in well, particularly enjoying sports such as rugby. He will be followed in the coming year by his sister Maryse and eventually younger sister Caroline.

Originally, concerns about tuition costs kept Brandt from considering Stanstead. But eventually those concerns were outweighed by the benefits – class size, student-teacher ratio, diversity and discipline.

"In my mind, Stanstead was the right start," he says.

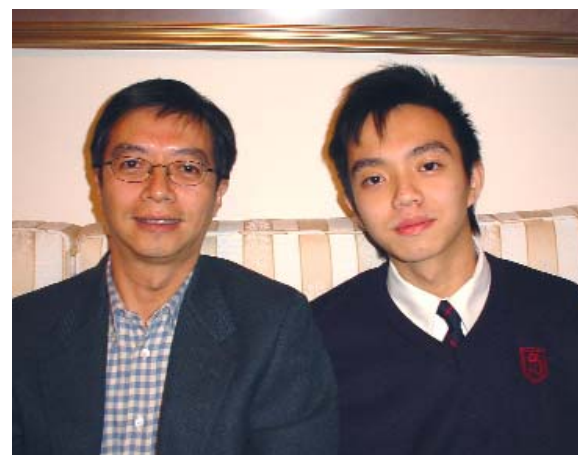
Hong Kong's Shu Kwan Chan (Class of '75) thought pretty much the same way when it came time to enroll his son Ka Lok in high school.

"Stanstead College was the automatic choice. He didn't apply to any other schools," says Chan, a management advisor for SK Consulting in Hong Kong.

Again, it was Chan's own experience at the school that prompted the decision. He enrolled in 1975, inspired by a promotional speech at his high school. When he arrived, he was one of 13 Hong Kong students. He still looks back fondly on his year here and remembers Stanstead's small student population, friendly teachers, excellent student-teacher ratio, rural setting and all-round education.

In fact, says Chan, the only difference between his day and now is the co-educational aspect and greater use of information technology.

"I believe the Stanstead College tradition is still strong and that the education environment will prepare Ka Lok to become a more capable young man," he says.



Shu Kwan Chan '75 with son Ka Lok (Class of 2005)

Headmaster speaks to Rotary Club

Headmaster Christopher Shannon was the guest speaker at the Newport Rotary Club luncheon on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 which took place at the Gateway Center on Lake Memphremagog in Newport, Vt.

Headmaster Shannon's topic was "International Education: Demystifying Stanstead College."

Out of the 221 students enrolled at the school in 2004-2005, 35 were American, 88 were Canadian and another 98 came from other countries around the world.

Through a Powerpoint presentation, Mr. Shannon spoke of the challenges and benefits of this international approach to education and the important role Stanstead College plays in our cross-border community.

Christopher Shannon with Rotary President Jim Jarvis and Jim Campbell, Stanstead College Board member.



1st Girls Invitational Hockey Tournament

This past February Stanstead College hosted its first ever Girls' Invitational Hockey Tournament. It was a Saturday filled with great hockey. It was a four-team tournament including Drummondville, East Angus, Alexander Galt and of course the host Spartans. Many thanks to André Simard for an excellent job organizing the event.

Drummondville was the overall champion as they finished the round robin with a perfect 3 - 0 record. The Lady Spartans played perhaps their best hockey of the year during the tournament. The highlight was a 4-1 win over East Angus. The game marked the first time the girls notched more than three tallies in a game.

MVP trophies were handed out to players from each team.

Headmaster Chris Shannon proudly presented the Spartan MVP to graduating

player and

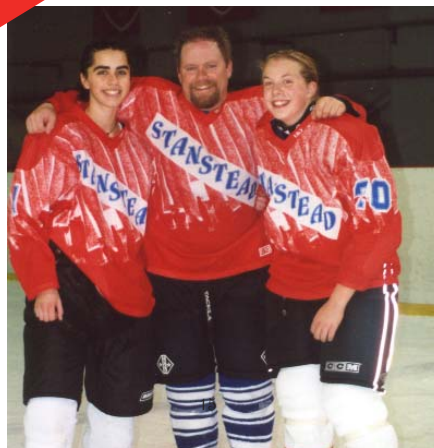


Back: Cecilia Lunn, Charlene McKinnon, Zsofia Bata, Sarah Steel
Middle: Chris Planetta, Ana Quintero, Constance Bedard, Maria Patriciu, Jenny Yrys, Natalia Maillard, Kerry Wilson, Amii Attard, Rob Davies
Front: Derinda Kocik, Nathalie Shaw, Amanda Davies-Booth, Lisa McNamara, Lindsay Smith, Kim McNamara, Sara Miller, Cassandra Danyluk, Caroline Willfort

Kim along with teammate Sara Miller would go on to earn Major S awards at the end of the year for their contribution and commitment to the girls' hockey programme this year.

We look forward to next year's tournament!

Rob Davies - Coach



Captain Kim McNamara, Coach Rob Davies and Sara Miller.

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the year - Send
in the
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IN MEMORIAM



JOHN SANCTON

If you read John Sancton's obituary, you would believe that the legendary Quebec newsman's journalistic career began in 1938 at age 17 when his story of the Stanstead College fire appeared in the *Montreal Standard*.

Not so. Sancton (Class of '38) got the news bug a few years earlier when he began submitting Stanstead College news to *The Stanstead Journal's* notoriously cantankerous owner of the time, John Holland.

"Possibly as an excuse to visit No. 8 Church Street more often, or simply because my own journalistic instincts were budding, I encouraged more and more coverage of school activities at the college, much of it written by myself, and persuading *The Journal's* editor to let me develop the college column into almost a full page each week," wrote Sancton on the occasion of *The Journal's* 150th anniversary in 1995.

Sancton, who died December 28, 2004 at the age of 84, also ran a printing press at Stanstead College along with schoolmate and lifelong friend Archie MacLeod '36, who died this past March.

Sancton never forgot printing, *The Journal*, community newspapers, Stanstead College or small-town life in general. In 1948, he purchased *The Journal* from an ailing Holland after serving overseas in the military. Over the three short years of his tenure, he transformed the paper from a grey, 19th century broadsheet into a modern, vibrant weekly.

From *The Journal*, Sancton went on to become editor of *The Daily Gleaner* in Fredericton, NB, worked in England, was an editor at *The Montreal Star*, then finally returned to weeklies, overseeing many of Quebec's top English weeklies of the day, including *The Westmount Examiner*, *NDG Monitor* and *The Town of Mount Royal Post*. He also served as president of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association and was integral in the founding of what is today the Quebec Community Newspapers Association.

As for Stanstead College, Sancton never forgot his roots here, remaining an active alumnus and serving as president of the Alumni Association in the late Forties.

"He was very proud of one thing he did," recalls his widow Mary Sancton. "He was trying to get contributions for the Alumni Association and sent out a letter. I'm not sure if it was a penny or a nickel but he enclosed some small coin and wrote, 'If you need this more than the Alumni Association, you can keep it. If not, we need money from you.' It got quite a bit of money."

Along with Mary, his wife of 59 years, Sancton is survived by

his three sons and daughters-in-law: Andy and Pam of London, On., Ted and Zsuzsi of Montreal and Don and Jean of Beaconsfield, as well as six grandchildren and his sister, Alice.

A private cremation and committal service was held on December 30. A public celebration of his life was held at Victoria Hall, Westmount on February 6.

LORNE WEBSTER

With the passing of Lorne C. Webster, Stanstead College has lost a longtime friend and supporter. He died peacefully at home December 15, 2004 at the age of 76.

Webster was Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1978-1980 and, following his retirement, was an honorary board member for many years.

Although he did not attend Stanstead College as a student, Lorne Webster was one of a long line of Websters to take a profound interest in the governance of the school, going back to one of the original founders, Andrew D. Webster, Lorne Webster's great-grandfather. He was followed by grandfather Senator Lorne C. Webster, and father Colin W. Webster, as well as his uncle Eric Webster and cousin Philip Webster.

After earning his Bachelor of Engineering degree from McGill University, Webster entered the family business, Canadian Import Co. In 1970, he acquired the insurance group, Les Prévoyants, later Prenor Group. As *The Gazette* noted in its obituary, Webster's was the first major English-owned Quebec corporation to conduct operations exclusively in French.

Webster was also a founding director and financier of the Montreal Expos.

Besides his work at Stanstead College, Webster was also chairman of the Old Brewery Mission, the Julius Richardson Hospital and the R. Howard Webster Foundation. He was also a governor of McGill University.

Lorne Webster is survived by his wife Meredith Evans, children Linda (Ian Taggart), Brenda (Christopher Tweel), Campbell, Adam (Tammy), Howard, Beverley (Jean Marc LeBlanc) and Tegan and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held December 20 at St. Andrews Dominion Douglas Church in Westmount.

WE REMEMBER

Gordon Raymond Usher-Jones	1970
Gerard Simard	
Olive May (Brown) Lloyd	1924
Catherine Norma Cayley	
Elizabeth Hall	1940
Angus Archibald MacLeod	1936
John Scholefield	1959
Rocio Ramos deVillarreal	Past Parent & Trustee



I-Fang Teng - Grade 12

OUR SCHOOL

QAIS Art Teachers Meet at Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

On April 13, faculty member Christian Williams had the opportunity to attend an art teachers' event at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. It was a delightful time for many Montreal teachers to gather and share ideas and resources about what happens in the world of the art room.

Mr. Williams gave a presentation of original works and many photos of what is currently going on in our school. It was very well received and the group of QAIS teachers asked if they could meet at Stanstead for their next meeting to see and experience what is happening here in visual arts. The QAIS group is expecting to begin an online communication resource where more ideas can be shared and exchanged. The group is also interested in planning a New York City trip to the Museum of Modern Art, The Metropolitan Museum and others to look at, discuss and appreciate what is current in the art world today as well as in the past.

It is exciting to be part of such a dynamic programme with students from all over the world who have wonderful talent and skills.

Four Stanstead Delegates Attend 2005 Cais Leadership Conference

A total of 130 students attended the 2005 CAIS Leadership Conference at St. Andrew's College in Aurora, On. this spring, including four Stanstead College delegates: Joo Kim, Cecilia Lunn, Joey Roy and Leah Shannon. The theme of the conference, "Learning to Lead," helped students develop organizational, communications and team-building skills useful in leadership positions.

The conference opened with a banquet and a speech by Cassie Campbell, captain of Canada's gold medal women's hockey team. Drawing on her experiences, she talked about how to lead in different ways, in times of trial and how to motivate and inspire followers. She also outlined key characteristics that she felt good leaders need to possess. She was a very engaging speaker that the students could easily relate to.

Other speakers at the conference included Robert R. McEwen, CEO of Goldcorp Inc., and Paul Perrier, a recent graduate of St. Andrew's who was a prefect in his final year. The closing speaker was Marc Kielburger, executive director of Free the Children, the world's largest network of children helping children. He was recently named one of Canada's top 40 leaders under the age of 40 and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003. He ended the conference with an inspiring speech about how all the students in the room have the power to make a difference in the world. The speech left the entire room motivated to take action.

Throughout the conference, delegates were divided into groups led by a staff facilitator. Most of the conference was spent with these groups, which held discussions, organized a large group activity for a third of the conference delegates and participated in activities to develop team-building and leadership skills. These activities included being led around in blindfolds, playing games based on non-verbal communication or solely on verbal communication from one person, with no questions allowed to be asked by the rest of the group. Some of these activities were fun while others were very frustrating but we learned a lot about how to lead and we acquired new skills.

The conference was extremely well organized and all the people were amazing. I learned so much in those five days and I was really grateful for such an opportunity. I will be sure to apply my new knowledge here at Stanstead as a prefect and in the future.

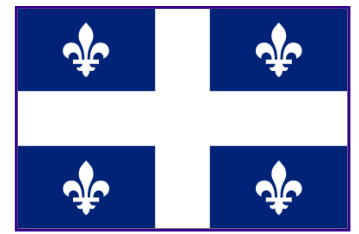
Leah Shannon - Grade 11



The Human Pyramid: just one of the many exercises students participated in to develop their leadership and team-building skills.



Arviat, Nunavut Exchange



Can you imagine seeing a tree for the first time in your life or seeing your first cow? We know it sounds a little weird because here in Southern Canada, we see these things almost every day. Not so for 10 kids from Arviat, Nunavut who came to Stanstead College on an exchange through a project organized by YMCA Canada.

It was a truly amazing experience seeing 10 students trying to immerse themselves into our culture. Seeing the looks on their faces when they were introduced to such simple things as dishwashers was a real eye-opener for all of us.



The 10 Stanstead students involved in the exchange were Lindsay Smith, Nathalie Shaw, Matt Shannon, George Robertson, Nick Bauer, Tania Laroche Duhamel, Jeffrey Cowen, Michelle Crook, Gabriel Ellison-Scowcroft and Sarah Steel. The organizers on the Stanstead side of the exchange were Rob Davies and Beth Steel.

Arviat is a small coastal Inuit town on the northwest side of Hudson's Bay. The population is about 2000. The main languages are Inuktitut and English. The schools are English but they also teach Inuktitut. There are no roads to or from Arviat. The only way to get there is by plane, snowmobile, boat and all-terrain vehicle.

Before they arrived at Stanstead College, the students from Nunavut were partnered with Stanstead students. They stayed at either a teacher's house or their partner's house. Ms. Gittens kindly took three boys into her house and they absolutely loved it.

When the students were here, we did a number of activities. One of the favourites was going skiing at Mount Orford. The Arviat students took lessons in the morning and were ready to go up to the top of the mountain by the afternoon. Everybody had an amazing time.

Another activity that was very popular with the Nunavut youth was going to Montreal. They were amazed by the fact that the buildings were so huge. Most of them are great Toronto Maple Leafs fans and when we all went to the Bell Centre, we had several participants with Leafs hats and shirts on. We took a tour of the centre and even went into the players' dressing room. We loved it!



In February, most of us are freezing outside even with a jacket on. While we were shivering outside waiting for the bus, the Arviat participants were running around as if it was 25° C and when they were asked if they were cold the answer was: "Are you crazy?"

All in all, it was a fantastic experience having 10 students from Arviat, Nunavut come to southern Quebec and share our totally different culture. We think that they enjoyed the experience as much as we did. We get daily e-mails from our new friends as well as accounts of exactly what they are doing that day. We are very thankful for the support of the YMCA and the Department of Canadian Heritage. Their generous funding is greatly appreciated.

*Gabriel Ellison-Scowcroft
and Sarah Steel - Grade 8*





When I heard about the Nunavut exchange taking place in May 2005, I immediately realized the opportunity at hand. I filled out the application, wrote an essay and hoped that I would be accepted. Luckily, I was one of the 10 chosen to go to Arviat, Nunavut.

After weeks of anticipation, the 10 students and two supervisors, Mr. Davies and Mrs. Steel, spent a day and a half traveling to Arviat. Upon our arrival at the airport, which is basically the size of a house, we found not only fellow exchange students from Arviat had come to greet us, but it seemed half the town was there as well.

The most powerful moment of the exchange was walking out those airport doors into a parking lot full of ATVs and snowmobiles. There was only one car in the lot and it was owned by a teacher originally from the south. I could not believe how flat and white everything was; there were miles of empty land. I looked at my friend and said, "It's like a snow desert."

The next minute I was tapped on the shoulder and my billets told me to jump on the back of one of the ATVs. This was my first time on one and I could not believe how fast they were driving and how cold the wind was on my bare face. I almost fell off at least five times but I grabbed on with all my might.

After a quick tour of the town, my twin drove me to his house, which was directly on Hudson's Bay on the edge of town. Inside, all six family members were cutting up meat. Two of the boys were cutting up fish and pulling out all the interior organs, the mother and father were outside skinning a caribou and the other two brothers were cutting up an Arctic bird called a ptarmigan. I did not want to seem like a stuck-up kid from the south so I tried to help cut up the fish. After a few minutes, I was told I was not allowed to cut any more meat because I did not know what I was doing. Luckily, I redeemed myself and by the last night I was cutting up and preparing the fish without any help.



The time passed quickly. The first three days we went out on the land. The first day, we traveled to the largest hill in the area, set up a tent and ate lunch there, then went sliding and had snowball fights. My favorite part about that day was how we were pulled to the hill behind Skidoos in komitiks. Komitiks are very simple sleds with walls on the side to keep you and your personal belongings from falling out.

The second day, we traveled to Century Island, the town of Arviat's original location. We saw a seal hole and seal from the distance but unfortunately it went under the water before we were able to get close to it.

The third day was my favorite - a day trip to Dion Lake. It took about two hours to get there. Upon arriving, we set up a tent, made ice fishing holes and went caribou hunting. We also ate some delicious chili. We left around nine in the morning and did not get back until nine at night but it did not become dark until 11 every night so we never ran out of light.

After we completed land-based activities we did things within the town of Arviat: ice fishing on Hudson's Bay, dog sledding, going to our twins' classes, playing indoor soccer, making mittens, playing ball hockey, going to Arviat's history museum and getting a tour of Arviat's new high school. The way I saw it, the days on the land taught us about the environment and climate and the days spent in school and in town taught us the local culture and history.

One of the best parts of the exchange was being with my billet's family. It was amazing the skills I learned from them. I also loved all the stories and facts they told me about the history and culture of Inuit people. The people of Arviat were so nice, inviting and, most of all, very relaxed. It was intriguing to see how Inuits depend on the land so much more than we do. I also could not believe the difference in education. Kids would miss classes because they were tired, babysitting a younger sibling, eating or just did not feel like going. Another thing that amazed me was the kids who actually went to class were all half an hour late.



It was an amazing trip. I do not know if I will ever return to the north, but I would love to. What I consider most special was just experiencing the culture at my twin's home, in the local restaurant or grocery store.

I will always treasure this opportunity, which opened my eyes to a different way of life and it taught me how to adapt to the situation at hand.



Matthew Shannon - Grade 9

EXCHANGES

Australia

My exchange to Australia is something I will not soon forget. It was probably the most memorable experience of my life. It was difficult to get back into the routine of daily life in Ayer's Cliff and going back to school here. It's been difficult to adjust, having been away for such a long period of time.

During my stay in Australia, I visited many major cities. I lived near Melbourne, drove way up north to Brisbane and Surfer's Paradise and of course flew to beautiful Sydney. I saw a view of most of these cities from observation decks in high buildings or towers. I saw famous landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

I also saw many exotic animals such as kangaroos, koalas, wombats and echidnas, as well as some that were a little less pleasant, such as snakes and big spiders. I came in close contact with kangaroos at a wildlife park where I could pat and feed them. And I also came pretty close to a koala when one clawed at my tent while I was camping along the coast.

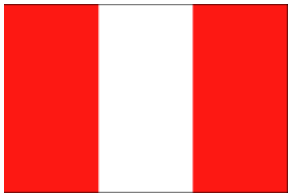
It was very hard to leave Australia. I made many good friends and had great times. The night I left, many tears were shed. It was sad to leave behind something I had become so accustomed to over the last two months. I realized when I boarded the plane how much I would miss living in Australia. Of course it was great to come home again but I really enjoyed my exchange. I now realize that I made the best of my time there and how lucky I was to have the opportunity.

I have so many unforgettable memories that will stay with me forever. I'm home now and my exchange student is with me, and I can only hope that she has just as good an experience as I did.

Melissa Crook - Grade 10



Melissa Crook sits in the Heart with Australian exchange student Kate Gazzard.



Peru

It's only now when so much time has gone by that I can really appreciate and reflect on my experience at Stanstead. I must say that even though I'm back home to enjoy what is left of the summer, I spend most of my days wondering what class would be next or what would be for dinner. But most importantly, I wonder how everyone is doing, the typical "what's up!"

I must admit that when I came to Stanstead I had no expectations of what was to come. I chose things to be that way; I didn't want to be disappointed. I now realize there was no way that could have happened. After all, going to Stanstead has proven to be an incredible experience, one I'm never going to forget.

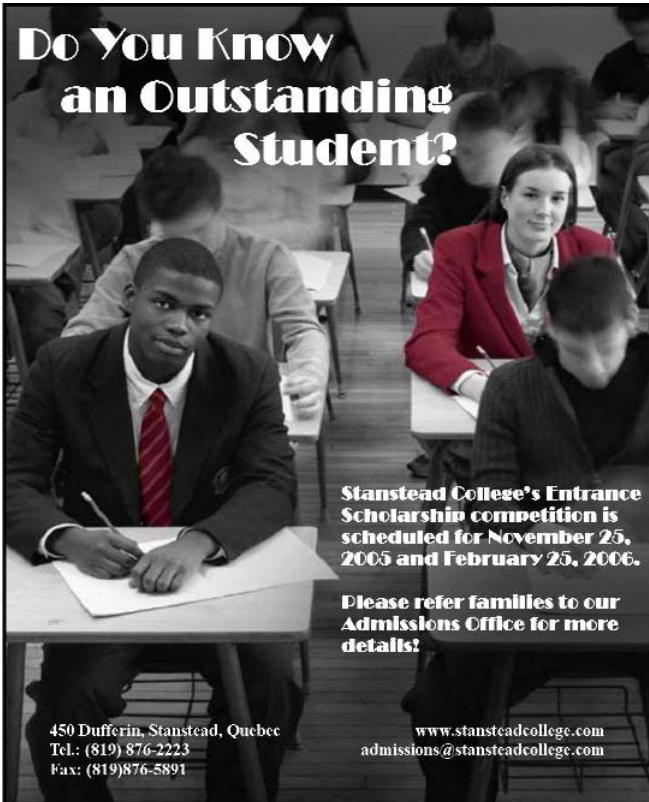
Now that my time there has come to an end, I have come to the conclusion that the experience couldn't have been more satisfying or overwhelming. I remember how scared I used to be and how I used to think that a month and a half would be an eternity.

Throughout my time there, I learned and discovered many things, not only about other people but most importantly about me. I had the chance to share my day to day life with other girls who, just like me, had left their families and friends back home in order to study. I was also able to explore my academic side, learn some French (of that I'm proud) and also see how what I learn in Peru relates to what I learn elsewhere. During my time, I was able to explore in a broader way my sense of independence and reliance on people outside my family.

It has been without a doubt a very adventurous experience and I wouldn't change it for a thing. Even with the cold and freezing winds, I loved every single part of my journey. I'm really thankful to all the people who were beside me throughout my time at Stanstead and all the people who give kids the chance to get out of their normal and monotonous life to do something different, something that will help them develop as a person.

Maira Loiza - Peruvian exchange student

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Pativat Sathiensamrit (new student, September '05), Mr. & Mrs.
Sanit Sathiensamrit (current parents) Andrew Elliot (Director of
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In order to fully benefit from the network of Stanstead "ambassadors" both in Canada and abroad, each year a number of information sessions are organized and hosted by current and former college families. During the past six months, parents in a variety of communities have generously given their time and effort to help promote the college. Their commitment to and support of Stanstead are greatly appreciated. On behalf of Joanne Carruthers and myself, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to the following parents and alumni:

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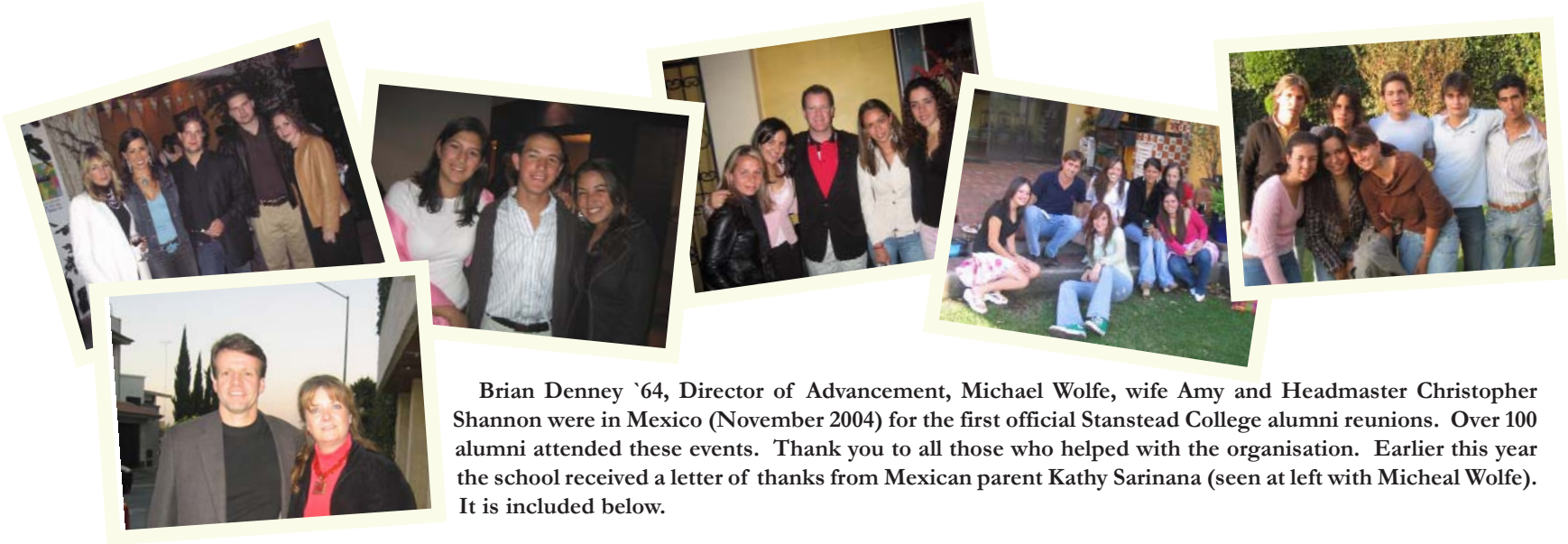
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An outstanding parent supporter, Sandra Farquharson stands with Hilary Shannon at the Admissions Fair in the Bahamas.



Brian Denney '64, Director of Advancement, Michael Wolfe, wife Amy and Headmaster Christopher Shannon were in Mexico (November 2004) for the first official Stanstead College alumni reunions. Over 100 alumni attended these events. Thank you to all those who helped with the organisation. Earlier this year the school received a letter of thanks from Mexican parent Kathy Sarinana (seen at left with Micheal Wolfe). It is included below.

Last June I had the pleasure of attending the Baccalaureate and Prize-Giving ceremony. I have to confess that I cried the whole time!

You see, it was five years ago that I took Mónica, our eldest of three daughters, to Stanstead College. Her experience there was fabulous. Two years later, I took Claudia and her experience was fantastic. Two years after that, Carlos, my husband, took Carla who had the time of her life.

I was fortunate enough to start the whole Stanstead experience by taking Mónica and even more so by closing it when I went to pick up Carla and attended the closing ceremonies. I can honestly say that I have seen Stanstead College come a long way in these five years!

Our daughters made many new friends, got to know not just the Canadian cultures but so many others from the rest of the world as well. They have Korean friends, Canadian friends, German friends, etc. We have had the pleasure of having fellow students come stay with us, one of them twice!

The teachers, the classes, Canadian geography, the house directors, the special times, the ski trips, the sports games, everything is remembered. Even hours when they had to run around the field, study or clean the dorm, all of these memories are remembered with love.

Those international student trips to Quebec, to Europe, hockey matches in Montreal ... all unforgettable. Believe it or not ... the bagels with cream cheese for breakfast, desserts, La poutine, Subway, le depanneur, you name it, the memories are endless.

Thanks for tending to the students' academic, intellectual, social, moral lives with such care and interest.

Thanks to the office staff who was always on call to tend to my never-ending e-mails and faxes!

It was sad to leave Stanstead in June knowing that the girls had finished spending their year abroad. Nevertheless, the mark that this has left in their minds, in their hearts and ours as well, will be lifelong. For this, we are grateful.

Thank you so much for loving Stanstead College the way you do and for giving our family a big dosage of that love. It really shows!

Sincerely yours,
Kathy Sarinana
Mexico



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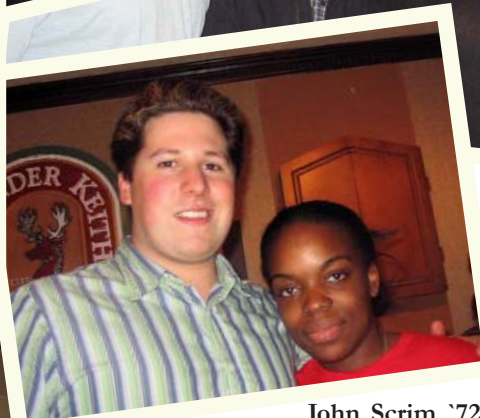
Toronto

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Toronto Reunion (June 11, 2005 at Terra Restaurant in Thornhill). Guests included (left) Ian Jackson '82, Brian Denney '64, Nicole Bruce '83 and Chris Clegg '80, (below left) Chatbhadee Chatrabhuti '04, Ronald Chang '04, Sol Lee '04 and Bill Layton '47, (below centre) Michel Giroux '72, Doug McEwen '76, Brian, Greg Brown '72 and David Youngman '71, (below right) former faculty Marina Mihaljevic, Isabelle (Paradis) Gatchliffe '89, and Julie Smith as well as Hin Tat (Jacky) Chan '99, Bruce Johnston '48, Paul Li '98, Rose Marczak '52, Barry Martin '89, and Ray St-Sauveur '53.



Ottawa



On February 17, 2005 the Stanstead College team which included Brian Denney '64, Michael Wolfe, Christopher Shannon and Geoffrey Telling (centre left with Philip Koopman '90) headed to Ottawa. Former faculty Peter Ashworth (pictured above with Mathieu Plante '96 and Nathalie Rheault '96), Patty Carleton & Lise Morel (top left) as well as Peter Boyd and Gordon Kubanek were on hand for the reunion held at the Royal Oak on Echo Drive. Other alumni guests included Matthew Harding '86 and Ilona Innus '85 (pictured above center with Ilona's husband Joel Therien); Brad Wright '71, John Scrim '72 and Peter Weintrager '65 (below left); Adam Spirk '98 and Luziela Gaspar-Martins '99 (above center) and Linda Chapman '57, Dominic Besner '02, Sukai Cheng '01, Sandy Cowan '72, Jinan Dalloul '02, Peter Despres '59, Ron Foss '72, Shoshanah Jacobs-Goldner '96, Richard Martin '79, Suzy McDonald '95, Ken Norris '76, Rob Perretta '04.



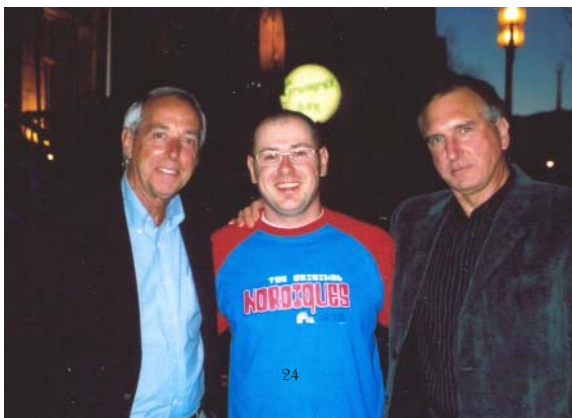
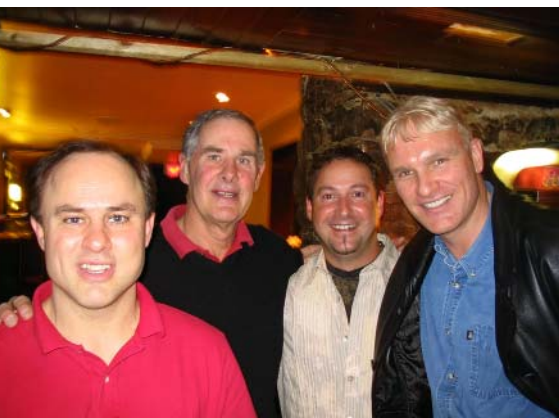
ALUMNI REUNIONS

On Saturday, February 26, 2005 we hosted our second annual alumni basketball event. Our goal this year was to recognize the best women's basketball programme in the school's history, the teams from 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, by presenting the players with their provincial championship rings from the Anderson-Bailly Tournaments. Unfortunately, we hit a tough year logistically with several of the women from those great teams being as far away as Florida and Africa and they were unable to make it. Nevertheless, we were able to present rings to former stars Lindi Campbell, Kara Campbell, Katherine Wright and Coach Erik Van Dyke. We have rings for the rest of the members of those teams in the Advancement & Alumni Office and sincerely hope these players will have a chance to come by to pick them up personally.



Montreal

This was easily our largest turnout in years as we hit the 90 mark at Grumpy's on May 5, 2005. Guests included many alumni, current staff, board members and several former faculty including Alex Philip '57, Lena Moman, and Peter Ashworth. Special thanks to Russell Johnson '87 and Steve Dizgun '79 for their support.



Senior Boys' Hockey Head to Switzerland

After a long plane ride and only a day to get over the jet lag, the team practiced in Zug's professional arena. This was quite an experience, especially considering that the pros practiced just after us. In fact, the boys got to meet the team and visit their dressing room



thanks to Mr. McNamara and Mr. Wolfe's relationship with Coach Sean Simpson and Coach Colin Muller. More importantly, the boys had the privilege of personally meeting import players Mike Fisher (Ottawa Senators), Niko Kapanen (Dallas Stars) and Oleg Petrov (ex-Montreal Canadien).

Our first game of the tour proved to be a humbling experience. Zug was by far the strongest team that we've played all year, and essentially a real hockey machine. The team included members of the professional team, thus explaining their ability to move the puck, skate and hit better than anything we'd ever seen before.

In the second game against Siette the team got off to a slow start but finally came

together in the third period. Although we were down 4-1, the boys rallied for three unanswered goals and tied things up with three minutes remaining on the clock. Unfortunately, our efforts weren't enough, as Sierre banged home the winner with just under a minute and half left in regulation time.

After two full days of skiing, the team experienced a rather fun-filled evening of old-time hockey on Saas Grund's outdoor rink. This was very special, for the simplicity and fresh air was like being a boy on the pond all over again. Needless to say, the practice attracted a crowd from the local mountain community and proved to be a truly unique event. The drills were well executed under the light of the moon, no one kept score and everybody laughed and smiled. The game was fun again!



Our third game of the trip was perhaps our most solid and consistent performance of the entire tour. The team played with grit and essentially controlled the play for most of the game. Unfortunately, we gave up two early goals in the first period and had to play catch-up hockey again. However, this game was without a doubt a sound effort from the entire group.



The final game of the tour was played in Lugano's beautiful professional arena. Although we lost the game 6-1, it really wasn't that kind of game, for the play swung back and forth and remained very close until the third period. With the score 1-0 for Lugano at the halfway point of the second period, the referee made a rather questionable call that gave them a two man power play. Lugano then scored twice in less than a minute to break away and essentially take over the game.

Thanks to Coach McNamara for organizing such a wonderful trip, as well as all the parents and friends of Stanstead hockey for your support and dedication to the program. Your time and effort in helping the team has made a huge difference in the lives of the players and overall success of our season.

James Rioux - Coach



OUR SCHOOL



AIDS Awareness

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Since then, Kim McNamara and I have been trying to raise awareness within our school about the pandemic. We've sold Kidzpositive beaded AIDS pins and "Star of Hope" cards. The Kidzpositive Beadwork Project is a group of HIV-positive mothers who do beadwork and sell it as their primary source of income.

Last year we had the opportunity to share our experiences with a class of students at The Study. This past spring, we went to Montreal with the objective of spreading awareness about the global realities of HIV/AIDS and to hopefully make other students realize that they have the power to change things and the responsibility to do so.

The day started off with a presentation to the Grade 10 class at Selwyn House School. Later that afternoon we made a smaller presentation to a group of teachers and students at Lower Canada College. We had arranged to speak in Montreal on this day because Stephen Lewis, the United Nations envoy for AIDS in Africa, was speaking at LCC that evening.

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Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament 2005

Stanstead, Qc
Friday, May 27, 2005



In four years this Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament has doubled its alumni participation. This year's tournament saw 35 alumni, 4 current parents, 4 former faculty, 2 past parents, 12 current faculty and 24 friends of the school.



It was not only a great day of golf but the tournament also managed to raise over \$7000 towards our bursary programme.

Congratulations to this year's tournament champions
Patrice Huot '97,
Guillaume Desroches and
Luc-André Nadeau '98.



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Let's get together and
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES WELCOME RECEPTION
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2005

AM CAR RALLY - TENTATIVE
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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM REGISTRATION
MEMORABILIA FROM 60S AND 70S ON DISPLAY
10:00 AM CAMPUS TOUR
10:30 AM SPARTAN FOOTBALL
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM BARBECUE LUNCH (COMPLIMENTARY)
MUSIC BY STANSTEAD STUDENTS
12:00 PM CAMPUS TOUR
2:00 PM SPARTAN SOCCER
2:00 PM CAMPUS TOUR
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION
CASH BAR
7:30 PM DINNER
\$35
9:30 PM DANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM BRUNCH
\$10

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Registration Form

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Please find enclosed my payment of \$25 (\$50 per couple) for the Dinner & Dance

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FAREWELLS

After six years as Headmaster of Stanstead College, it is important to take a few moments to stop and reflect. Like the graduating students, I am also moving on to new challenges - returning to my roots in Montreal, where I grew up, to become the seventh Headmaster of Lower Canada College. When thinking about the past six years here, so much comes to mind. We have worked together to enhance facilities: residences, classrooms and rebuilding the Student Centre after a fire in the dead of winter in 2001. On the programme side, new initiatives have flourished under capable faculty leadership: community service, the wireless laptop learning programme (ELP) and a broader world view through membership in the Round Square (RS) international association of schools. All of this is important as the framework for learning and growth. However, what I really see most clearly in my mind's eye are the faces of all the students who have passed through our gates because they are the reason we exist as a school - our *raison d'être*.

When asked to pose for a parting photograph for this issue of the *Red & White*, I did not want a formal portrait but preferred to have some students accompany me. Late this spring we gathered by one of the lovely leafy maple trees near Bugbee House. Each of the students with me has embraced various dimensions of our programme well beyond the walls of the classroom. I believe that for teenagers to really grow and discover their true character and personal potential, they need to be challenged beyond the classroom by meaningful experiences. This is fundamental to the ethos of Stanstead College. Full involvement is expected of students and ideally, self-discovery emerges through a host of different opportunities. The students on this cover represent a wide array of experiential learning now part of school life. Two girls are Round Square exchange students (from Australia and India) and each brought unique perspectives to residential life. Two of the students represented SC at the annual RS Conference at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts last fall. Several of these students were contributors to significant "firsts" this year - our first ever international outreach project building homes with Habitat for Humanity in Mexico, and a unique student exchange with Inuit students from Arviat, a Canadian Arctic community in Nunavut. Still other students in the photo were leaders in Community Service or as prefects in the school.

Through these opportunities, students were asked to show leadership and a willingness to leave their personal comfort zones and test personal boundaries and perceived limits. In addition to hard work in the classroom and on the playing fields, these experiences have become an important dimension of broadening our students' perspectives and developing character at SC. Witnessing this kind of growth has been immensely satisfying for all of us who work directly with boys and girls from all over the world.

I am very grateful for the honour of being Headmaster at Stanstead College for the past six years. I have appreciated the opportunity to work with so many committed trustees, gifted teachers and support staff - and I am deeply appreciative of the ongoing support provided by my wife, Hilary, and children, Leah and Matthew. However, I must reserve my final thanks to all of the students who have attended the school for challenging us on a daily basis and making education the most gratifying profession of all. Best wishes to all my friends and colleagues associated with Stanstead College. In whatever you do, continue to dare to excel!



Christopher Shannon
Former Headmaster



Tree: Tom Perretta, George Robertson, Jeremy Stuart
Back Row: Christopher Muir, Matthew Shannon, Kamika Jha, Kate Gazzard, Stephen Ma
Front Row: Sharon Chung, Jamie Smith, Christopher Shannon, Kim McNamara, Natalie Shaw



Best Wishes to our Departing Faculty & Staff

Vincent Jansen

Mr. Jansen joined the faculty of Stanstead College in September, 2000. He was the Director of Academics and the Director of IT Development. In addition to providing sound curriculum leadership, he provided faculty professional development in preparation for the integration of the laptop program. He also spearheaded the implementation of the "Facility" database in the administrative arms of the school. He was a member of the Math/Science teaching department and a committed coach of basketball and golf. He initiated the college's successful involvement in the national CBC "Smart Ask" competition.



James Scheib

Mr. Scheib came to Stanstead College in 2002. He was a keen teacher in the Humanities department, coach of boys' hockey and rugby and an active advisor. He is taking on new challenges to teach in an international school in Bahrain.



Beth Steel

Mrs. Steel began as the Assistant Director of Student Life in 2002 and became the Director of Student Life in 2003. She coordinated residential life, student leadership and weekend activities for all students. Mrs. Steel was also a dedicated coach of girls' hockey and rugby and boys' basketball.



Tom Steel

Dr. Steel assumed the role of Assistant Headmaster in 2002. Along with all the responsibility this position entails, Dr. Steel genuinely put the students' needs first. He developed an effective wellness support system for students and initiated a thorough review of risk management for school activities. Dr. Steel also taught in the Math/Science department and he helped to further develop the outdoor pursuits programme as a fall and spring athletics offering.



Change has been the Hallmark of the Shannon Family

Change has been a characteristic of the Shannon family's term at Stanstead College. Joseph Levy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, spoke at Baccalaureate of the significant changes on campus during Christopher Shannon's headship. The new Student Centre was a material transformation as were the creative initiatives taken by students and faculty. Chris was a catalyst for change. The spirit of respect, inquiry and global awareness he engendered will be intangible testaments to his commitment to creating an empowered, international learning community.

Hilary Shannon first taught ESL here and then made a career change to Communications where her inventiveness and creativity helped bring a fresh, new look to our arena and school publications. As co-editor, Hilary helped develop a modern, sophisticated format for the Red & White, changing the public face of the school to reflect its new complexity.

Leah and Matthew Shannon, both in elementary school when they arrived, grew up here and each made their own contribution to school life. Leah changed her life with Round Square exchanges and working for Habitat for Humanity, traveling to South Africa and Mexico. She graduated from Grade 11 as the top student, winning several prizes, but her experiences in the global community remain paramount. She will be remembered as a student who changed school awareness of AIDS. Matthew, as a young Grade 9 student, also took advantage of an opportunity as an exchange student, spending two weeks with a host family in Nunavut.

The Shannon family now move towards new challenges and changes and take with them the best wishes of the Stanstead community for health and happiness.

Dr. Christian Barnard performs first heart transplant...Three astronauts die in Apollo I fire on launch pad...Expo "67" opens in Montreal...Jane Mansfield dies in car crash...Album of the Year at the Grammy's is *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* by The Beatles...Man said to be Boston strangler is recaptured...*Get Smart* wins Best Comedy at the Emmy's...and *The Andy Griffith Show* is the #1 television show.

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2005/2006 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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HOMECOMING 2005 - 60s & 70s
OTTAWA ALUMNI REUNION
PARENTS' DAY
ADMISSIONS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS
CAN-AM HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
TORONTO ALUMNI REUNION
ADMISSIONS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS
ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
VANCOUVER ALUMNI REUNION
EDMONTON ALUMNI REUNION
CALGARY ALUMNI REUNION
MONTREAL ALUMNI REUNION
ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT
BACCALAUREATE & PRIZE GIVING

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SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2005
NOVEMBER 12, 2005
NOVEMBER 19, 2005
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JANUARY 6-8, 2006
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